Steve Markham and Joe Epolito of ABC   May 26, 1952

They had been calling before and wanted us to call back right away to report a series of new clues on The Great Mystery. Last week they had called in regard to a government housing project in New Mexico where they were even housing the little men who had come from another planet to warn us that another group on THEIR planet were preparing to start warfare with us. This information was being released at Palomar in lectures every Sunday to a very few people, it being the way the government could gradually disseminate the information without a panic. On my asking them where they got the information they said it was just passed on to them, nothing through any news agency sources, and figured maybe we could go down there the following Sunday. I rather figured it was the lectures of Prof. Adamski they were referring to, wrote and asked and they said No.

Steven Markham and Joe Epolito today called again and said that the report eminated from Mt. Wilson, not Palomar and they are on the hunt for confirmation.

They also reported that at Williams Field in Arizona where our planes are stacked up on their tails in hundreds a flying saucer was seen there. It was grounded and had had American landing equipment attached to it and was guarded by FBI men. It had a button which apparently was more lethal than our biggest A-bomb, the story being that if it were touched it would cross up the magnetic lines of force and blow up the earth. Mrs. Whyeth got this from her brother They assured me that a story of live crewmembers of interplanetary ship which had landed in Mexico would be released by our government in September 1952.

They further reported that on a TV screen pictures of a huge mother ship and flying saucers emerging from the ship was shown at the San Diego station, Channel 8. These they said were motion pictures which were taken by attaching a camera to a telescope. I told them that the actual pictures were still photographs which I had seen and were taken by George Adamski from several miles below Palomar Observatory.

Look magazine June 20 will come out June 3 with a scientist's story on flying saucers.

June 14, 1952 The Mirror Los Angeles, California

LATE BULLETIN

Fireballs in the sky and flashing elliptical bathtubs thought to be meteorites, were visible over many parts of the city shortly after midnight today. Police switchboards reported numerous calls from persons who said the phenomena resembled a greenish-red streak of light.

There also was mention of a man outside Philadelphia who came upon a group of little men on the highway. They moved in a group, ~~not~~ ~~scattered~~ into the bushes as the car came along. ~~(Don't know any more on that and it seems rather slim)~~

Also for discussion was that Ray Bradbury was the most outstanding science fiction writer.

A marvellous science fiction writer is Richardson who is a scientist at Mt. Wilson Observatory. He writes under another name. ~~One of his books is "When Worlds Collide."~~ (Easy to check)

There had been a TV program on Ed Sullivan's show with Heard Riddell and they had showed the Brazilian pictures. Drew Pearson was promising to show some amazing thing on his program Sunday 15 June. We weren't home to see it. Haven't heard it shook the world.

One explanation as to the very small saucers, the 2 to 6 ft saucers is that they may be the eyes of big space craft. Like our weather balloons with instruments in them.

~~After Jerry and his adults friends left Ray Bradbury, a wr~~

After Jerry and his tall tale of tiny people left Adamski

19 June 1952: Hollywood Citizen News

AIR FORCE LEAVES ESCAPE HATCH OPEN

~~"SAY SAUCER HUNT PLANNED BY AIR FORCE"~~

Armed with a special camera suggested by a Los Angeles scientist, the Air Force has launched a study to determine if there really are flying saucers and if so, what are they? Using these specially built cameras, 200 of which are being distributed at atomic and military installations, a picture of a flying saucer might be obtained. The AF feels the final solution will be one of the following: 1(Misinterpretation of known objects. 2) Reflected light from the earth. 3) Man-made vehicles, most possibly Russian. 4) Space-ships or interplanetary missiles.

NOTE: Their four possibilities sure leave no room for error. That is a brilliant deduction...

June 21, 1952: Telephone conversation with K.G.

Light Treatment For Light Subject.

A single saucer swooped over the Capitol dome in Washington, D.C. today. One motorist who noticed this accidentally ran his car off the road and smashed into a tree. Ignoring his car, he proceeded to the nearest telephone and called the C.A.A. to report the unidentified object. They took his story in a light vein and said that it was most probably a light reflection or one of the many low-flying aircraft prevailent in the area. They thought the car and the tree might be real, though.

June 18, 1952 Los Angeles, Examiner, Los Angeles, Calif.

SAUCER OFF BEACH SEEN BY EX AIR PILOT

Dick McMahon, technical writer for the Norhtrop Aircraft C ompany and former air force pilot, standing on the porch of his apartment, 758 Ave B Redondo Beach, shortly before 7 a.m. spotted what he believed to be an airplane on the water. "It was about 15 miles out and 5 to 8 degrees above the horizon, It didn't take me long to realize that it wasn't an airplane because it would be too small to be visible at that distance."

June 26 1952 The National Guardian

"TOP SECRET" PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE 50 YEARS

William A. Reuben ridiculed the contention of U.S. Atorney Myles Lane that the Rosenbergs had given Soviet Russia some of our top secrets, "including a project for a platform 3000 miles in space." Reuban pointed out that K. Ziolovsky sketched this in 1903 in "The Rocket In Cosmic Space." So did Herman Oberth in 1922 in "The Rocket Into Interplanetary Space", and as late as 1948 Secretary of Defense Forrestal referred in his annual report to an earth satellite vehicle program."

A New York Times science editor scoffed at Forrestal's project being secret, pointing out it was obviously derived from Oberth.

June 29, 1952 Sunday Graphic & Sunday News London, England

I SAW A FLYING SAUCER TAKE OFF
Amazing Story told by Refugee from Russians

A refugee from the Russian-accupied zone told me here today that he saw a flying saucer take off from a forest clearing in Thuringia , East Germany.

The man, Herr Oskar Linke, reported that he came upon the flying saucer three miles from the US zone and saw teo members of its crew.

"It was uncanny," he said,"my 11-year-old daughter and I glimpsed something white through the trees. We crept near. And we saw a huge oval disc about 25 feet across lying on the ground. It looked like an enormous phosphorescent warming pan without a handle. In the centre was a sort of upper works. Then we saw two figures wearing metallic overalls My daughter screamed in fright, abd the two climbed hastily into the disc which had ciruclar portholes round the edges.



"The upper works retracted and the saucer began to rise -- slowly at first-- into the air. We felt the swish of air it made. It hovered at 100 feet up then sped out of sight.

Linke is ex-mayor of an East German town who fled from Communist persecution.

In London last night, Kenneth Gatland, Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society, said: "Such a contraption must come from outside this earth. Nothing like it is known here.

July 5, 1952 L.A. Examiner

Flying Disc________ 4 veteran pilots tell seeing sky saucer

Four veteran pilots from Florida said today they saw a "pancaked flying saucer" about 20,000 feet above the Hanford atomic plant at Richlands, Wash.
The four, Capt. John Baldwin of Coral Gables, Fla; Capt. George Robertson of Miami; D' Shenkel of Miami, and Steven Summers of Hialeah, Fla., described the object as a "perfectly round disc, white in color and almost transparant with small vapor trails off it like the tentacles of an octapus".
Baldwin said he was piloting a C-46 Civil Air Mission craft carrying 50 Korean veterans to Columbus, S.C. when he spotted the object about 10,000 to 15,000 feet directly above his plane.

July 6, 1952 Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles, California

'SAUCER' REPORTED OVER ATOMIC PLANT

Four Fliers Tell of Sighting Strange Object Suspended in Air Near Project at Hanford.

Dever July 5, UP -- Four pilots, three of them World WarII veterans told today of seeing a flying saucer hovering over the Hanford atomic plant at Richlands, Washington. It was "a perfectly round disk, white in color and almost transparent with small vapor trails off it like the tentacles of an actopus." Capt. J. Baldwin was flying at 9000 feet and saw the object about 10,000 or 15,000 feet above him. "The object seemd to back away from us and change shape. It was first perfectly round and then became flat, gained speed and then disappeared."

July 6, 1952 Sunday Graphic and Sunday News London, England

VICKERS AIRCRAFT CHIEF DESIGNERS SAYS SAUCER STORY PLAUSIBLE

Mr George Edwards, Chief,Designer for Vickers Aircraft had this to say about the East Zone "saucer" last night. "Believe in saucers. I don't know. There is little wrong with the idea of a circular wing. Before and during the First World War Britain developed a circular wing aircraft. And it flew. We called it the "flying doughnut". There is little to stop us developing a flying saucer -- except the money and the need. If Herr Linke's description is accurate it may be that the machine is designed as a military hover plane. It would appear from his comment on its 'glow' that it gouses a jet plane designed to provide vertical take-off. The cylinder would obvi usly have to retract into the body to prevent resistance. Metallic suits are possible, too -- they could be a form of protective clothing for use in high altitudes. There is nothing impossible about the story, although to believe in the saucers, I would have to be shown one myself."

7 July 1952: The Milwaukee Journal

"'SAUCERS' REAL, BRITON BELIEVES"

Los Angeles, Jul 7(UP)---Scientist Arthur C. Clarke, one of England's leading authorities on space travel, believes flying saucers are more than mirages or myths. Clarke said he based his belief on new data on saucers supplied him by scientists at the U.S. Rocket Testing Base at White Sands, N.M. He was not ready to guarantee the disks are real, but said " a noted American scientist told me at White Sands that he is certain he has seen one."

July 9, 1952: San Antonio Express

"10 WATCH HUGE FLYING SAUCER"

Miami, Okla, July 9(UP)--Ten workmen watched a huge silver object which emitted a haze of smoke from its edges as it hovered high over the B. F. Goodrich rubber plant at Miami for 15 minutes Wednesday before it skimmed away to the south at "tremendous speed." The object, matching previous flying saucer descriptions, was spotted by R. D. McCarthy, an electrician working atop the plant. He summoned other nearby workmen who said they observed the strange craft for a quarter-hour.

July 10, 1952 Hollywood Citizen News

SAUCER SPOTTER BACKS DOWN

Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered the planet Pluto, has agreed that he is the scientist at White Sands, NM who was quoted as being "Certain" he saw a saucer. But Tombaugh was not nearly so positive about the identity of the object he saw scoot across the sky above as was the British authority on space travel who quoted him. (Arthur C Clarke) he added cauticsly that he had not seen anything like saucer. The American scholar did say however that he saw an object above Las Cruces N M in the summer of 1948. It whizzed silently overhead from south to north too fast for a plane and too slow for a meteor. Clarke was careful to point out to reporters that he was still not prepared to say for certain whether flying saucers were real.

July 14, 1952: San Antonio Light

"~~MAN ENGAGED IN GOVERNMENT WORK VANISHES~~" WAS REED A SPACE MAN?

Pasadena, Calif., July 14(UP)--Authorities followed a cold trail Monday in the disappearance of an aircraft scientist engaged in government work and his wife expressed fears he had met with foul play at the hands of foreign agents. Albert Clark Reed, engaged in secret aeronautical research (Project Vortex) at the California Institute of Technology, here, disappeared from his home last Monday evening. His wife, Florence, told officers he was to meet that day with military authorities in connection with his work "that was so secret he would'n't even discuss it with me."

July 16, 1952: San Antonio Light

"SAUCERS OR THINGS, THEY STILL ARE FLYING"

Miami, Fla., July 16(INS)--Two veteran airline pilots today insisted they definitely saw objects flying in formation and operating under intelligent control at a speed in excess of 1000 mph. The flyers W.B. Nash, and W.H. Fortenberry of PAA, said they both saw the things at the same time during a New York to Miami hop with 10 passengers aboard. The objects came toward them in clear skies from the southwest as they flew over Newport News, Va. "As they neared us," said Nash, "they appeared to be solid bodies of light, a little more amber than auto tail lights. They were brilliant and glowed like hot coals." Both Nash and Fortenberry added that what they saw probably were not piloted by humans from this Earth, explaining: "No one here on earth could take a 150 degree turn in seconds and live through it."

Yuma. Since the clipping will be attached to these notes I will just refer to them by paragraphs. Par. 2. The young couple left from Vail airport in Compton, not Pasadena. They were not "nearly out of gas."

Here is the inside story:

One day last winter Prof Adamski got a wire asking for reservations for dinner for 8 the following night, and for him to wire collect back to Mr. Stonebarker, Building 6, Convair, near Pomona for answer. They wired right back, and the next evening, half an hour late ~~late~~ because of heavy rain, the party arrived.

Among those were the pilot and co-pilot of the search party for the couple mentioned in the clipping. The co-pilot piloted the abandoned plane back to Vail Airport. He said there was no shortage of gas. In fact he flew the plane back on the gas that was left in the tank, and there was still some gas left over.

The man who checked Klaus Martens out of the field said that ~~he~~ Klaus had come to him the day before the flight to make arrangements to rent the airplane to fly to an appointment he had in Blythe. He claimed he had 400 hours of air time on his log and was to bring his log with him the next day for checking out.

When he did come he was carrying a locked ~~xxxxxx~~ briefcase, a suit case and in the company of a young lady in a sunsuit.

The official of the airport talked with them, checked them out, ~~and~~ but neglected to look at ~~his~~ ~~Klaus's~~ Martens' log, the first and last time he ever neglected such an important thing.

As Martens took the plane up, ~~it looked like he~~ the checker feared he was going to have a crash right then and there. Seemingly he did everything wrong. But he got the plane off the ground.

~~Tracks show~~ Oddly, tracks showed that he made a perfect landing on a sheriff's emergency landing field near the Mexican border. There were two emergency landing fields 3 miles apart at that particular point. The Sheriff flies and makes a round of these and other emergency fields every 24 hours to see if there might be anybody in need of help. So par 3 of the attached story is completely wrong. They found ~~the plane~~ it the next day. They didn't find the plane 15 days later.

San Bernardino

MYSTERY STILL CLOUDS FATE OF COUPLE AFOOT IN DESERT

YUMA, Ariz. (UP)—Rains and the winds of the past year have wiped out two sets of footprints discovered in the desert near here when scores of men and planes searched for a young couple who landed their small plane and walked away, never to be seen again.

Klaus Martens, 28, and Mara-june Walker, 23, took off from a field near their home at Pasadena, Calif., for Blythe, Calif., and landed a few hours later, almost out of gas, on the desert 35 miles south-east of here. That was a year ago Tuesday.

The plane was found 15 days later, on July 30, 1951, where it had landed, undamaged, on an Air Force gunnery range.

ALL-OUT SEARCH HELD

Yuma county Sheriff Jim Washum threw every man he had into a search for the couple. Air Force ground and air rescue teams joined them.

The only clue was a note left in the cockpit saying they were heading west. And there were tracks.

The tracks veered occasionally, but always headed back straight west toward a peak on the north end of a mountain range called Cabeza Prieta (Black Head.)

Searchers followed the tracks, which reached the base of the mountains, then headed south toward the Mexican border a few miles away, and vanished. The tracks went about 12 miles before searchers lost them.

It looked as if the Pasadena truck salesman and the student nurse from Malverne, N.Y., had wandered off in the desert and died, their tracks washed out by rain.

OLD TIMERS PUZZLED

But old timers back from the search said the couple's tracks crossed a road to Wellton, Ariz., and one to a well near the border. They were puzzled because, in the heat, they had discarded no clothing or other jetsam.

Abe Marcus, a Yuma man, took his annual vacation to Mexico last year and reported he saw the Walker woman there in a small town, accompanied by a man.

Miss Walker's mother thought they might have gone to Germany, where Martens' father lives. A New York house painter said he saw them there eight months later.

But there is no answer yet to the mystery of whether the couple died in the desert and their bodies were covered by mud washed down from a rain storm, or whether they fled the country, and why.

July 19, 1952: The Ottawa Jounel Journal

DISKS FOLLOW ORDERS

"SEES ORANGE DISKS IN SINGLE FILE IN SKY."

Washington, July 19(AP)-- At 2:00 a.m., radio engineer Elmer Chambers looked up at the sky. Here's what he says he saw: "Six or seven bright orange disks were streaking through the sky, in single file. The saucers sped along for about five seconds and then each, in turn, veered sharply upward and disappeared." Chambers, 41, is chief engineer at the WRC Radio Station transmitter in the Washington suburbs.

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18 July 1952: The Daily Sun

"MYSTERY CLOUBS FATE OF DESERT COUPLE"

YUMA, Ariz.(UP)--Rains of the past year have wiped out two sets of footprints which were left by a young couple who landed their small plane and walked away never to be seen again. Klaus Martens, 28, a scientist who had worked on phases of the hydrogen bomb project, and Marajune Walker, 23, took off from Pasadena, Calif., and landed a few hours later, on the desert 35 miles southeast of here on June 15, 1951. The plane was found 15 days later in perfect conditon with a note left in the cockpit saying they were heading west. Their tracks veered occasionally, but went towards the Black Head mountain range then turned southward toward the Mexican border and disappeared. They went 12 miles before searchers lost them. Officials are puzzled over their disappearance because they certainly wern't lost. They crossed two highways in the journey before disappearing completely.

July 22, 1952 New York Times

FLYING OBJECTS NEAR WASHINGTON SPOTTED BY BOTH PILOTS AND RADAR

Aerial objects over the vicinity of the nation's Capital were picked up and recorded by radar. No attempt was made by Air Force planes to intercept the objects. Air Force said it had received only a preliminary report and therefore did not know why no attempt at interception had been made.

Sighting: Vicinity of Andrews Air Force Base--radar report

Sighting: Seven objects between Washington and Martinsburb, W.Va. at 2:15 A.M., July 22, '52., reported by Capital Airlines Flight 807.

Sighting: Capital National Airlines Flight 610 reported light follOwing it from Herndon, Ca. to within four miles of National Airport. Air Force said it was receiving flying saucer reports this summer at a rate higher than at any times since initial flood of sightings in 1947, current average being 100 sightings a month

Sighting: July 17 in areas of Burlington, Vt. South Portland, Me., and Staten Island, N.Y.

July 22, 1952 Notes about incident app 2 months ago.
(June 4, 1952)

Several times Steve Markham and Joe Epolito had been calling wanting Frank to come down to the ABC studio and meet a woman who had quite a story to tell. They wanted Frank, we suspect, as a check and probably also for what added pearls of wisdom he would add. It all goes back to last winter when he called up (That is Joe Epolito) several times and was so persistent in getting an interview. He came up to the house, with a secretary with a notebook. A quite young fellow, Italian, but had studied in India, or under Indians for a few years, and acted and talked and even looked quite oriental. Except in his American go-getting push. He explained that he was among a group - or a few - young men working at ABC on scripts and other things not too sensational. They have a workshop where they can try to do something on their own, and if it is at all good, the studio will let them transcribe it on records, and even run it on the air. If it takes on, they have a program of their own. Epolito was going into the flying saucer business. He had written a script in science fiction form, but he wanted to go further. He wanted to work with Frank and others, dig up all kinds of evidence, all kinds of people and really make a humdinger. He sounded good. Then suddenly he was talking about ~~that~~ doing this for the good of mankind and to get the truth out, and in the next breath hoping to make loads of ~~mxxx~~ money out of it, and it was put in such a way it sounded like an echo from the guy in San Francisco (2 years earlier), who also wanted to help, to work under Frank, to chase around, to do it for the sake of truth - to split the profits - and then when he didn't succeed that way, turned around and worked hard and spent money trying to defame certain people who had given Frank some of the data in his book.

Not trying to just bring out the truth, but actually trying to force defamation. I felt I froze up like somebody had thrown an ice cube down my back and had to be polite about it. I looked at Frank. It had hit him the same way. Poor Epolito, I don't believe, had any ulterior motives beyond getting what and as much as he could grasp, and he just didn't know what hit him. Somewhat bewildered he left half an hour later.

From time to time he would call, and then one day they called about some new items - see notes May 26, 1952

We went down on June 4 and were ushered into the ABC newsroom and waited for Mrs. Whyeth. She, I understand, is a lady truck driver. When she arrived, both Steve Markham, Joe Epolito and another young man from ABc were there. They asked if any of us minded that they tape recorded the session. Mrs. W. didn't mind, and we didn't if she didn't. She was going to do the talking. She is a fairly young, strong healthy looking woman, quite a rough diamong. She was fed up with government red tape and didn't particularly care what she said or who it might offend. She is an avid science fiction reader and get her nose into a lot of places and doesn't mind in the slightest if she is heaved out. I finally suggested since she had that terrific yen to find out how things are ticking and nothing can stop her, why doesn't she volunteer her services to the FBI? She rather thought they wouldn't accept her as she had been in trouble a couple of times. Trouble in putting her nose in restricted places. I don't believe that that would be a bad mark against her. It would just show that she was incurable in nosing out things, and rather an asset.

She first started to talk about her brother, a butane gas truck driver, who had as one of his stops to deliver butane gas to Williams Field in Arizona, a little outside of Phoenix. He got through the gates, delivered the butane, and then not far off he saw a flying saucer standing apparently being worked on, though the workers were off somewhere. It looked like its landings gears had been broken off and that they were in process of putting on American landing gears, though the stubs of the broken ones were still on. He stood under it, looking up, and walked around it. Suddenly he got a rather brusque command to get out, and how come he got in anyway and on what business was he in a closely restricted area. His credentials were in order, the only thing was he shouldn't snoop around, and of course, the guards should have been on watch. It seems there is a button in this saucer that nobody dares press. The saying goes that if it is pressed it will blow up the whole world, which nobody seems to want to do quite yet. How they know about this button is open to conjecture.

This brother is now in the Navy, I believe driving a truck at North Island in San Diego.

Another brother of hers is a Navy pilot and he, she claims, is beeing groomed to be on the first expedition to the moon.

On her way down to San Diego to see her brother she was in the diner and sat across from a nice man, civilian. They started talking saucers. He knew a lot, and with his liquor spilled a lot too. She started teasing him about his knowledge, and finally he tossed his credentials on the table. He was a secret service man. Another man at the table got up, asked the

first man to go with him and must have given him a rough lecture. Anyway he came back a much chastened man. Apparently what he had told her, among many other things, was that September would see a turn of events in the Korean situation, and peace, because of saucer invasion threat by not too friendly saucerians (?) (She also mentioned that if nothing happened in September, then October would see - was it open war? Anyway to her it fitted in with what she had read of war prophesies three or 4 years ago in the Examiner)

But what was most interesting was that in San Diego after a day or two there the police with the FBI came to where she stayed and told her that whatever she had heard on the train was to be kept under her hat. To us she told that she had not receifed the information under any understanding of confidence, and she didn't intend to keep it as such.

She had also gone up to Palomar and found that much as the museum was open, the room of records was closed and that pictures taken at the observatory were not on view and you could not ask for any special ones. In fact she was told to get out and stay away and that there weren't any flying saucers.

Her next project was to go to White Sands proving grounds. She has been there before and knows that in one corner away from the regular place is less guards, but also much more restricted. She knows of a place where there is a hole in or under the fence, and is going back and investigate.